



CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE COST ESTIMATE

March 22, 1999

H.R. 1009 **2000 Census Community Participation Enhancement Act**

As ordered reported by the House Committee on Government Reform on March 17, 1999

Assuming appropriation of the authorized amount, CBO estimates that implementing H.R. 1009 would cost \$26 million in 2000. The bill would not affect direct spending or receipts; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures would not apply.

For the 2000 decennial census, the Bureau of the Census has entered into partnership agreements with more than 10,000 local governments and other organizations to promote the census among groups that are difficult to enumerate. Under these agreements, the bureau prints locally designed promotional materials for the census. H.R. 1009 would authorize the appropriation of \$26 million in fiscal year 2000 for grants to local governments, tribal organizations, and public or private nonprofit organizations for the purpose of improving public participation in the 2000 census.

H.R. 1009 contains no intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act. Any costs incurred by state, local, or tribal governments as a result of participation in this program would be voluntary. Local or tribal governments accepting the grants made available by H.R. 1009 would be required to provide matching funds at least equal to 50 percent of the federal funds they receive.

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